Parks, William Arthur

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

TORONTO, ONT.

July 27th.1915.

The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Sir,

I have just returned to the city and learn that my salary has been increased $100.00.

I beg you to accept my sincere thanks for this consideration and to convey my sense of appreciation to the Board of Governors.

Respectfully yours,

W. A. Parks.

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ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM OF PALAEONTOLOGY,

BLOOR STREET AND AVENUE ROAD,

TORONTO, ONT.

W. A. PARKS, DIRECTOR.

Nov. 4th.1915.

Dear Sir,

I am returning herewith the copy of your proposed letter to the Board of Governors re Palaeontological library. I think it fills all the requirements of the case.

The ratification of your two proposals will give a distinct name to the library and prevent any confusion with the other library in the C. and M. building;it will also absolve me from any personal responsibility in moving the books to the museum. The only further suggestion I would make is that it would be fitting,if you approve,that we might well name it the "Sir Edmund Walker Library of Palaeontology", in view of the fact that a large number of the books were presented by yourself and in recognition of your continued interest in the collection.

Respectfully yours,

W. A. Parks.

Sir Edmund Walker,

99 St.George St.

Toronto.

3rd November 1915

Dear Mr Bursar:

University

You may remember that some years ago I presented to the University a collection of books concerning Palaeontology. These were at the time added to the general library of Geology in that Department of the University. The books, however, have always been kept together by Prof. Parks and have been added to so that now the collection is one of unusual importance. It has been removed to the Royal Ontario Museum where Prof. Parks carries on most of his work and I wish to obtain the consent of the Board, as follows:

1. To the establishment of a Palaeontological library in distinction to a library on general geology.
2. To the placing of such a library in the Royal Ontario Museum.

Yours faithfully

F. A. Moure, Esq.

Bursar, University of Toronto

Toronto

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

TORONTO, ONT.

Nov.9th.1915.

The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Sir,

Having engaged James Cameron,10 Holland Park Avenue,as attendant in the Department of Geology,and having found him satisfactory after a month's trial,we beg to recommend that he be appointed to this position at the salary of $50.00 per month for eight months,inclusive of the month for which he has already been paid.

Respectfully yours,

W. A. Parks.

ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM,

BLOOR STREET AND AVENUE ROAD,

TORONTO, ONT.

Dec.21st.1915.

Dear Sir,

At the last meeting of the Committee of Directors of the Royal Ontario Museum you kindly consented to the preparation of a notice over your signature to be placed in the various buildings of the University. Please find a draft of such notice enclosed:if you will kindly approve this draft we can send it for printing at once.

The committee would also be obliged if you would consent to a circular being sent to the members of the staff drawing their attention to the museum. I am enclosing a draft of such a circular:if you consent to its issue please make any changes you desire and return it to me with your consent.

With regard to the notifying of students at the time of registration, the sub-committee is of the opinion that the following notice,printed on the registration cards in all Faculties would answer every purpose:--"This card entitles the holder to free admission to the Royal Ontario Museum during the current session."

Respectfully yours,

W. A. Parker.

Sec. Com. Directors,

The President,

University of Toronto.

I desire to call the attention of the members of the staff to the opportunities afforded by the Royal Ontario Museum. Although the museum has been established only a few years, the collections are now, in many respects, comparable with the best on the continent and are worthy of your appreciation and support. Will you be kind enough to ~~direct the attention of~~ inform your students ~~to the fact~~ that these galleries contain extensive collections in Archaeology, Geology, Mineralogy, Palaeontology and Zoology? I should be obliged if you would assist in making the Museum better known and appreciated by directing attention to the advantages to be derived from the opportunities it affords.

The Museum is open free to all members of the staff and all regular students of the University from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on all week days on the presentation of admission card.